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3) (C/NOFORN) CHINA/USSR: POSSIBLE PROGRESS IN RELATIONS

(U) (C/NOFORN) SOVIET FIRST DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS IVAN ARKHIPOV IS SCHEDULED TO ATTEND THE FIRST SESSION OF JOINT COMMISSION ON ECONOMICS, TRADE, SCIENCE, AND TECHNOLOGY IN PEIJING ON 15 MAR. ARKHIPOV IS THE HIGHEST-RANKING SOVIET OFFICIAL TO VISIT THE PRC IN 15 YEARS; HIS FIRST VISIT TO BEIJING WAS IN DEC '84. TOPICS OF DISCUSSION COULD INCLUDE SOVIET ASSISTANCE TO IMPROVE CHINESE INDUSTRY. IN A RELATED DEVELOPMENT, THE NEXT ROUND OF SINO-SOVIET CONSULTATIONS, WHICH WILL BE HELD AT THE VICE MINISTERIAL LEVEL, [REDACTED] WILL COMMENCE ON 25 APR IN MOSCOW. (U) [REDACTED] DESPITE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC ARENA, BEIJING HAS CONSISTENTLY REITERATED THAT THERE WILL BE NO MAJOR PROGRESS IN BILATERAL RELATIONS UNTIL MOSCOW HAS MET ITS THREE CONDITIONS: VIETNAMESE MILITARY WITHDRAWAL FROM CAMBODIA, SOVIET MILITARY WITHDRAWAL FROM AFGHANISTAN, AND REDUCTION OF SOVIET TROOPS ALONG THE SINO-SOVIET BORDER). [REDACTED]

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